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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – CONFERENCE ROOM #678

Members Present:	Lloyd Lycan, Daniel Weaver, John Shaffer, Bill Ganley, Dick Clairmont, Dick,Carroll, Chad Eiken, Scott Dalesandro, Denise McCarty, Jon Yamashita	
Excused Members:	Todd Coleman, Jack Melton, Thomas Smith	
Absent Members:	Aryana Peiravi,	
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple	
Public:	Doug Auburg BYCX, Randy William BYCX	
Staff:	Roxie Olsen, Mark McCauley, Jeff Swanson, Laura Pedersen	
Agenda Item		Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:00pm		Dan Weaver
Roll Call/Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">General introduction of attendees		Dan Weaver
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Moved and seconded		Dan Weaver
Communications/Announcements/Citizen Input <ul style="list-style-type: none">None		Dan Weaver
PVJR Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Northwest Railroad Institute is moving forward. Proposed locations for hands on training include Brush Prairie and Battle Ground. There is a locomotive for sale in Kalama that may be useful to the Northwest Railroad Institute.Customer business is down a little bit but volumes remain relatively stable.Will Cahill contacted PVJR regarding concerns over the condition of Bridge 12 (Cedars Golf Course crossing Salmon Creek). Timbers need to be repaired.		Eric Temple
BYCX Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Summer attendance was steady with the steam engine operating.Light Maintenance performed on railroad.There is an upcoming winery excursion train event using the steam engine on Saturday, September 14th.County did ditch work and slide repair on railroad at about Milepost 20.		Will Pickering
County Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">The County’s Economic Development Action Team (comprised of staff from various departments) will hear a presentation this week on rail-served industrial lands. The discussion will include the timing of public investments, partnering with local port authorities to address parcel disaggregation issues, and potential legislative approaches to increase industrial development and alleviate constraints.County received WSDOT Freight Rail Assistance Program (FRAP) grant award in the amount of \$675,000. Pending BOCC approval, funds to be used to repair grade crossings at NE Fruit Valley Rd and NE St. Johns St, replace switches in the Rye Yard, and replace switches and repair rail in the Battle Ground Yard. Discussion: RRAB members suggested public relations efforts to demonstrate how funding was used to create jobs (for example Omega Industries concrete crossing panels) and improve		Jeff Swanson

safety conditions.

- Commissioner Madore was given a hi-rail tour of the Railroad in July. The Commissioner toured the Railroad from the Rye Junction to Yacolt.
- Question/discussion about the repairs in Battle Ground and the Northwest Railroad Institute: though the proposed work in Battle Ground is to facilitate safer, more efficient rail operations, it could make the area more viable for locating the Northwest Railroad Institute as opposed to other areas along the Railroad. The City of Battle Ground is in favor of the improvements to the Battle Ground Yard.
- Future approaches to funding capital improvements on the Railroad will likely be limited to grant funding and legislative transfer programs (earmarks). Many existing programs are structured as long-term, low-interest loans, which is not a structure that works for the County at this time. The Railroad will be requesting funding during the upcoming budget re-adoption for crossing maintenance and bridge inspection and maintenance on an ongoing basis. County staff working on a master plan for the Railroad including financial planning to address ongoing maintenance and operations, as well as major capital improvements, timed to address the most urgent needs with respect to infrastructure conditions and economic development.
- The shop fire issue was settled with the insurance company and funds are being held by County Risk Management pending decisions about where to site a replacement structure, and what to build to replace it.
- November 11th, the date of the next RRAB meeting, is Veterans Day and the County will be closed. The meeting will be rescheduled for November 12th.
- Discussion: the RRAB and County staff need to have a meeting to plan for the upcoming legislative session in Olympia. This will be added to the agenda for the next RRAB meeting.

Subcommittee Reports	
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CREDC: None• NAC's: None• Web Page: None• Legislature: None• Community Reps: None• RR Master Planning: None• RRAB Makeup/Duties/Expectations: None | |
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Unfinished Business	Dan Weaver
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive board meeting close session 5:10 return 5:15• Open Advisory Board Position: Nomination was made for Eric Fuller and seconded (Dick Carroll and Bill Ganley) adopted by all present members | |
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New Business	Dan Weaver
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ADJOURNMENT @5:25 pm
